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December 12, 1960.

Mr. Allen Dulles
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Complementing my letter dated November 22, 1960 I am sending you the following documents:

- (1) Translation into English of a Declaration of Principles published in Spanish in the Miami papers.
- (2) Copy of a cable sent by our President to ABC TV network which is explanatory.
- (3) Copy of a cable sent to the Prime Minister of Canada.

I think that those documents explain our ideals and purposes in defense of Democracy.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY
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SECRETARY

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ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY

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TO ALL CUBANS

TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND CORPORATIONS WITH CUBAN INTERESTS

TO ALL FREE MEN

This Association for the Reconstruction of the Cuban Economy (AREC) is a non-political organization, uniting businessmen, industrialists, merchants and professionals, in the following common PURPOSES:

- 1.- To contribute, united and with whatever means and resources we may be able to muster, to the overthrow of the communist regime which rules Cuba, and establish a provisional government that will put into effect the 1940 Constitution opening the way for free and democratic elections within a maximum period of 18 months beginning at once the necessary and indispensable electoral activities.
- 2.- To declare that communism, in all its forms and manifestations, is illegal and at the same time try to prevent its spreading to other countries in this Hemisphere.
- 3.- To work towards, and contribute to establishing in Cuba a representative democratic regime which will promote the economic, social and educational well being of the Cuban people.
- 4.- To endeavour to bring about the unity of all the groups that are fighting in the common effort of overthrowing the communist tyranny in Cuba and consolidate the union of all the Cuban industrialists, merchants, business men and professionals and of all those who have interests in Cuba, in order that their joint cooperation may be more effective.
- 5.- That private property may be respected.
- 6.- To restore democracy in the labor unions, eliminate unemployment through the opening up of new jobs, stimulate agricultural and industrial activity, adequate compensation to labor, a reasonable profit to the employer and effective enforcement of social justice.
- 7.- To bring about free enterprise, with proper guarantees and safeguards to investors, indispensable to foster private personal initiative and diversification of production, restitution to its legitimate owners of all property, industries and businesses illegally and arbitrarily expropriated by the Cuban Communist Government.
- 8.- To give preferential attention to plans for the economic reconstruction of Cuba and to this end organize and regroup the different sectors which constitute its economic, social and juridical basis, and within each sector, to study the measures to be adopted to carry out the total planning necessary for the rebirth of private enterprise and the well being of the country.
- 9.- That the laws of the country and the resolutions of its Courts be respected and enforced and the full enjoyment of the individual and collective rights guaranteed by the 1940 Constitution to all citizens.
- 10.- Solidarity with all the democratic nations of the world and particularly with those of North and Latin America.

WE WANT DEMOCRACY FOR CUBA BECAUSE IT IS THE EXPRESSION AND REJECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND FOR ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY. WE REJECT AND REPUDIATE DICTATORSHIPS IN ANY FORM OF TOTALITARIAN OR AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THEY DESTROY THE DIGNITY OF MAN, DESTROY HIS LIBERTY AND INFRINGE HIS INALIENABLE RIGHTS. WE ASPIRE THAT CUBA SHALL ENJOY A CONSTANT INCREASE OF WELFARE AND THAT ALL CUBANS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND OF A LIFE OF LIBERTY FREE FROM EXPLOITATION.

WE STRIVE AND WORK for the fulfillment of these purposes.

WE NEED the cooperation of all the industrialists, businessmen, merchants, executives and of all the professionals who believe in these ideals and goals.

WE CALL on all Cuban businessmen, industrialists, executives

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corporations and organizations who have or maintain business relations with Cuba, and to all free men who sympathize with the cause of Democracy, to contribute to the accomplishment of our goals and to this end, that they join the AREC, sending in their name, address and telephone number, stating calling or relation with Cuba, that we may undertake their classification and permit thus an effective collaboration with the purposes of the AREC. These data will of course be considered private and confidential.

Miami, December 7, 1960.

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CABLEGRAM SENT TO ABC TV NETWORK NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 11, 1960

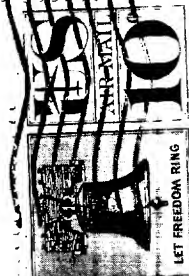
THE GREAT EFFORT MADE TO PRODUCE THE COAST TO COAST PROGRAM "YANKES NO" ORIGINATED AT ABC STUDIOS NEW YORK LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS CERTAINLY TO BE APPRECIATED STOP IN IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SO MANY MILLIONS OF DEMOCRACY LOVING AMERICANS HAVE OBTAINED SUCH AN ERRONEOUS IDEA OF WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING IN CUBA BEHIND THE SUGAR CANE CURTAIN AND HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AWARE OF WHAT IT IS LIKE TO LIVE UNDER A COMMUNIST REGIME STOP THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF CUBANS OF ALL SOCIAL CLASSES HAVE HAD TO LEAVE CUBA BECAUSE NO SELF RESPECTING LOVER OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY CAN LIVE UNDER A RED DICTATORSHIP WHERE THERE IS NO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS STOP WHERE LEGITIMATELY ASQUIRED PROPERTIES AND LEGITIMATELY OPERATED BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN SEIZED OR CONFISCATED STOP WHERE COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION IS TOTAL EVEN TO CHILDREN STOP WHERE THERE EXISTS SUCH A REIGN OF TERROR YOU DO NOT EVEN DARE TALK TO RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS STOP WHERE HONEST MEN ARE PERSECUTED AND JAILED JUST BECAUSE THEY DARED TO TALK EVEN IN PRIVATE AGAINST COMMUNISM STOP WHERE THE CHURCH IS PERSECUTED AND EVEN BOMBED THUS LIMITING THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST CHERISHED RIGHTS OF MEN STOP WHERE LAWS AND CIVIL RIGHTS ARE MERELY NAMES WITH NO VALUE WHATSOEVER STOP WHERE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ARE SIMPLY IGNORED STOP WHERE ALL THE PROMISES ARE BROKEN STOP WHERE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY HAS BEEN TOTALLY WRECKED STOP WHERE CLASS HATRED HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED STOP WHERE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MADE TO CONFORM WITH THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM STOP WHERE THE WORKING CLASSES HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF ALL THE PROTECTION OF LABOR LAWS BECAUSE THE STATE IS THE ONLY EMPLOYER ETC IN FACT IF FIDEL CASTRO AND HIS COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT HAD MADE A PLAN ON HOW TO DESTROY CUBA IN TWO YEARS HE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT BETTER STOP ALL THESE THINGS GENTLEMEN WERE NOT SHOWN IN THE FILM AND YOU HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CUBA CAN AND WILL HAPPEN TO THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN LET US STOP COMMUNISM NOW BECAUSE TOMORROW MIGHT BE TOO LATE

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ABEL MESTRE
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A MEETING HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF CUBA (AREC) AT THE DU-
PONT PLAZA HOTEL IN THIS CITY AT WHICH THERE WAS PRESENT A LARGE GROUP OF CUBAN INDUSTRIA-
LISTS BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTING THE SUM OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTIVE
AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF CUBA STOP THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AMONG OTHERS WERE UNANI-
MOUSLY ADOPTED (A) TO LEND ITS SUPPORT TO AND EXPRESS ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE TEMPORARY
EMBARGO DECREED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST EXPORTS TO CUBA AND REQUEST
THAT SIMILAR MEASURES BE APPLIED AGAINST IMPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY STOP (B) TO REQUEST ALL
DEMOCRATIC NATIONS WHO STILL MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF
CUBA THAT THEY MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ENDEAVOUR TO ADOPT
SIMILAR MEASURES WHICH TEND TO COMBAT COMMUNISM STOP WE WISH TO POINT OUT WITH DUE RESPECT
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND CUBA
ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH STATE ORGANIZATIONS OF A TOTALITARIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT AND
NOT WITH CUBA'S LEGITIMATE PRODUCERS AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WHO WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE AGA-
BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BUSINESS AND BANKING ENTERPRISES STOP THIS ASSOCIATION
IS THEREFORE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT SHOULD IN THIS CONNECTION NO ACTION BE ADOPTED BY THE
GOVERNMENT WHICH YOU SO HONORABLY REPRESENT THE EXCELLENT BANKING AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS
WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE GRAVELY AFFECTED IN THE FUTURE
STOP WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY MISTER PRIME MINISTER TO REITERATE TO YOU OUR SINCERE
RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP AND BEG LEAVE TO REMAIN RESPECTFULLY YOURS STOP ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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